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THE MYSTERY OF THE SLEEPING GAS

UNABLE TO CLEAR THE OPEN FLOOR, THE SHADOW TRANSFORMS THE CHAIR FROM A WEAPON TO A GRAPPLING HOOK!
KLUG LUNGES FOR THE SHADOW, WHOSE PENDULUM SWING BRINGS THE CHAIR LEGS UPWARD....
Ledger Syndicate
A-25
NOW TO FIND KALGAR!
IN KALGAR'S CASTLE....
Ledger Syndicate
SUDDENLY THE SILENCE IS SHATTERED BY.....
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
A-26

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THE GUARDS OUT OF SIGHT, THE SHADOW USES THE KEYS GAINED EARLIER. UNLOCKING THE DOOR, HE FINDS·····
CRAIG NORTH AND PROFESSOR GARTH!
THE SHADOW!

RATHER THAN RISK THE LIVES OF THE TWO INVENTORS, THE SHADOW STARTS A LONE DEPARTURE FROM KALGAR'S CASTLE!!!

VERNON V. GREENE

A-27

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RICK WANTS US TO LOOK FOR THE SHADOW OUTSIDE THE GROUNDS.
O.K. I'LL OPEN THE GATE.
Ledger Syndicate
A-28
THE SHADOW! HE'S GRABBED THE CAR!
I'LL GET BACK AND TELL RICK!
HELLO, KALGAR?.... RICK CALLING..... CRANSTON WAS THE SHADOW. HE GOT AWAY.... YES. I UNDERSTAND. I'LL CALL THEM.....
THIS IS LAMONT CRANSTON...
Ledger Syndicate
YES MR. CRANSTON... I'LL MEET YOU AT THE AIRPORT... AT ONCE...
A-29
I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE, MR. FELK. I'VE HEARD FROM MR. CRANSTON. HE'S FOUND KALGAR'S CASTLE...

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...AND IS STARTING THERE BY PLANE...
LOOK OUT! KALGAR'S MEN!
YOU'LL SEE US GET THE SHADOW. THEN IT WILL BE YOUR TURN.
THIS MUST BE KALGAR'S CASTLE! AND THE SHADOW WAITED FOR ME.
I'M AFRAID SO LISTEN.
I HEAR THE PLANE, RICK RIGHT OVER HEAD
SEARCHLIGHTS. FIRE !!
Ledger Syndicate
IS THIS THE END?
ONLY THE SHADOW KNOWS !
VERNON V. GREENE
A-30.

THE MYSTERY OF THE SLEEPING GAS

WE'VE BROUGHT DOWN THE SHADOW'S PLANE!
GOOD WORK, RICK.
WHY.....WHY.... YOU'RE KALGAR!
Ledger Syndicate
YES. I AM HOMER FELK TO THE WORLD, BUT KALGAR TO MY FRIENDS....AND ENEMIES! COME. WE SHALL SEE WHAT REMAINS OF THE SHADOW!
IT'S A DUMMY, CHIEF!
THEN THE SHADOW IS STILL ALIVE!
A-31
THERE'S THE SHADOW'S PLANE!
A DUMMY TOO! A BIG GLIDER, TOWED BY ANOTHER SHIP!
MOVE THOSE TREES INTO PLACE SO THE SHADOW CAN'T LAND HERE!

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AN AUTOGIRO! THE SHADOW'S!
BRING UP THE MACHINE GUNS!
THE SHADOW FINDS SHELTER AMONG THE TREES THAT WERE ROLLED IN TO STOP HIS LANDING.....
GET TO COVER! HE'S COMING OUR WAY!
FELIK IS KÀLGAR...
I KNOW. RUN TO THE CASTLE. I'LL JOIN YOU THERE.
Ledger Syndicate

THE MYSTERY OF THE SLEEPING GAS

TRAPPED IN KALGAR'S CASTLE, HEADQUARTERS OF THE FIFTH COLUMN, THE SHADOW RETREATS WHILE FIGHTING KALGAR AND A MURDEROUS HORDE!!!

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HE'S PUT THE GIRL IN WITH THE TWO INVENTORS. WE'LL TRAP THE LOT OF THEM!
STEP ON IT! THE SHADOW'S GUNS ARE EMPTY!
BACK! ALL OF YOU!
TOO LATE, KALGAR!
HAND GRENADES! FILLED WITH SLEEP GAS!
Ledger Synd.
THERE GOES KALGAR...
STAY BACK! I'LL FOLLOW HIM!
KALGAR'S GANG SUBDUED, A PHONE CALL BRINGS POLICE TO THE CASTLE.
SO THE SHADOW SETTLED KALGAR...
YES. NORTH AND I HAD SLEEP BOMBS READY AT HIS ORDER.
AND PROF. GARTH'S FORMULA IS SAFE LIKE MY PLANE PLANS.
LOOK! THE SHADOW!
A-36

THE SHADOW VS HOANG HU

THE SHADOW
VERSUS
HOANG HU-
I'VE LOCATED "BRIG" BENBO!
THE COPS ARE LOOKING FOR YOU, BRIG ..
SO WHAT? WE'RE CLEARING OUT OF FRISCO..
..TO GET A CARGO FROM A CHINESE JUNK CALLED THE "YANGTZE". LET'S GO.
B-1
SAY, AIN'T THAT GUY COMING WITH US?
NAW, WE CALL HIM DOPEY. HE ONLY HANGS AROUND.
MAYBE DOPEY HAS HUNG AROUND TOO LONG. BETTER SEE TO IT.
O.K. BRIG
WITHIN THE WATERFRONT DIVE, DOPEY BECOMES- THE SHADOW!
Ledger Syndicate
SAY.. WHAT HAPPENED TO DOPEY?
LOOK OUT.. THE SHADOW!
THERE'S BRIG BENBO!
IT'S THE SHADOW!
GET GOING, YOU LUGS!

THE SHADOW

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DRIVE TO THE AIRPORT.
B-2
THE OLD CRATE'S READY, MR. CRANSTON, BUT MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO WAIT--
UNTIL DAWN? I'LL BE BACK BY THEN.
Ledger Syndicate
ON BOARD THE JUNK, YANGTZE
Ledger Syndicate
THAT PLANE'S IN TROUBLE, CAP'N- DUE FOR A DIVE
HE'S SIGHTED US, SO WE'LL STAND BY
MY NAME IS CRANSTON. I WAS TESTING AN OLD CRATE--
AN' HAD BAD LUCK? GLAD WE COULD PICK YOU UP.
B-3
ME NAMEE WANG CAPLIN SAY YOU TAKEE THIS CLABIN.
NO LONGER CRANSTON, THE SHADOW STARTS TO EXPLORE THE SHIP.
TAKE OVER- I'LL SETTLE OUR NEW SUPERCARGO.
VERNON V. GREENE
B

THE SHADOW VS HOANG HU

SEARCHING THE HOLD OF THE CHINESE JUNK, "YANGTZE" THE SHADOW FINDS THE CARGO THAT BRIG BENBO AWAITS ON A BEACH SOUTH OF FRISCO.
YING KO!
YES, I AM YING KO, THE SHADOW GET BUSY, WANG AND OPEN UP THAT CRATE
THE FATE JOSS, FROM THE TEMPLE OF JEHOL! WITH ITS TWO WAR DOG CANNONS!!
SPEAK, WANG! WHO IS TO RECEIVE THE JOSS?
HIM GO TO HOANG HU, IN FRISCO-- NO, NO! ME NO SPEAKEE..
B-4
VERNON U. GREENE
YOU FOOL, WANG! YOU GAVE ME AWAY---
YING KO! HIM FINDEE JOSS!
ZING

THE SHADOW

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YING KO -- THE SHADOW! HE'S BELOW. GO GET HIM!

DEATH TO YING KO!

B-5

IN THE HOLD OF THE JUNK, "YANGTZE", THE SHADOW IS THREATENED BY SURE DEATH FROM A DOZEN KNIVES - WHEN THE SHIP GIVES A VIOLENT LURCH

YING KO! DEATH TO YING KO---

???

WE'VE BEEN BEACHED!

A MOVE THIS WAY MEANS DEATH - FROM YING KO!

TAKE A LOOK THIS WAY, SHADOW!

B-6

BRIG BENBO AND HIS WHARF MOB!

ALLRIGHT, MEN! GIVE HIM THE BLAST!

VERNON V. GREENE

THE SHADOW VS HOANG HU

IN THE HOLD OF A CHINESE JUNK, THE SHADOW FINDS A MYSTERIOUS IDOL "THE FATE JOSS". AS THE SHIP BEACHES, HE ELUDES A HORDE OF CHINESE ON DECK HE IS TRAPPED BY A MOB FROM FRISCO, WHEN-
8-7
LOOK, BRIG! A REVENUE CUTTER IT FIRED THAT SHOT--
AND THE SHADOW DIVED OFF THE OTHER SIDE-- WE'LL COVER WHEN THE CHINESE COME ASHORE!
Ledger Syndicate
THE CHINESE, CARRYING OFF THE FATE JOSS! NOW TO DODGE BRIG'S MEN, AND HEAD THEM OFF.
VERNON V. GREENE
HEADING FOR FRISCO WITH THE FATE JOSS! THIS IS THE TIME TO STOP THEM!
READY TO START SHOOTING, BRIG?
NOT YET. WE WANT TO WIPE OUT THOSE REVVIES!
Ledger Syndicate

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LOOK OUT, BRIG!
THE SHADOW! GET HIM, GUYS!
8-8
THE LAST ONE!
EXCEPT FOR ME, SHADOW! AND I'VE GOT A SURE BEAD!
VERNON V. GREENE
FINGER PRESSING GUN TRIGGER, BRIG BENBO IS SUDDENLY JOLTED---
AND FROM THE BEACH, REVENUE MEN ---
HOLD IT, WEEKS. CASEY BAGGED HIM!
LOOK AT HIM TOPPLE!
8-9
AND WHEN HOANG HU RECEIVES THE FATE JOSS---
ASK VENBY-- RICHARD VENBY- IMPORTER-- IN FRISCO--
VERNON V. GREENE
OFF TO HOANG HU! NOW TO MEET VENBY!
Ledger Syndicate
THE MIGHTY FATE JOSS, SMUGGLED FROM THE TEMPLE OF JEHOL, MEANS POWER TO ITS NEW OWNER, HOANG HU.
THE SHADOW KNOWS!!!

THE SHADOW VS HOANG HU

..... NEXT DAY, IN SAN FRANCISCO
WHAT IS IT, MYRA ?
MR. LAMONT CRANSTON TO SEE YOU, MR. VENBY.
B-10
MR. VENBY ?
YES, MR. CRANSTON, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET ERIC LUDER, MY REPRESENTATIVE FROM CHINA
Ledger Syndicate
YES, I HAVE IMPORTED TREASURES TO SELL FOR THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT BUT LUDER BROUGHT THEM IN BY STEAMER
NOTHING CAME ON THE JUNK, YANGTZE IT WAS JUST A DECOY, SO ALL IS WELL
BUT THIS NOTE, MR. VENBY, A THREAT-
--- SIGNED, BY HOANG HU! IT MEANS DANGER!
UNAWARE THAT MYRA RELDON IS LISTENING IN ON THEIR TALK, VENBY AND LUDER CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSION WITH LAMONT CRANSTON, OTHERWISE THE SHADOW.
COME, COME, LUDER! HOW CAN HOANG HU HARM ME? HE IS IN CHINA.
B-11
HE MAY BE HERE! HIS LETTER BEARS A SAN FRANCISCO POSTMARK!
THEN THE TREASURES ARE NOT SAFE EVEN IN MY STRONG ROOM!
I AM HERE TO BUY THEM, MR. VENBY.
Ledger Syndicate

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IF HOANG HU LEARNS OF THIS CONTRACT
HALF A MILLION FOR THE TREASURES PAYABLE ON DELIVERY.
ENOUGH LUDER! MR. CRANSTON HAS DECIDED
DROP MR. CRANSTON AT HIS HOTEL, LUDER, THE ESPLANADE.
VERNON V GREENE
HIS NAME IS CRANSTON HE'S STOPPING AT THE ESPLANADE.
HIS CASE WILL BE HANDLED.
IN SAN FRANCISCO-- FEARLESS OF HOANG HU, THE SHADOW DINES AT THE HOTEL ESPLANADE.
GOOD EVENING, MR. CRANSTON
CHINESE-- PERHAPS FROM HOANG HU
Ledger Syndicate
CHINATOWN-- WHERE HOANG HU KEEPS THE FATE JOSS. A GOOD PLACE TO VISIT.
B:12
H'M-- NO ANSWER WHAT'S THIS ? A NOTE--
FROM HOANG HU! WITH ONE WORD, ONLY!-"DEATH"
VERNON V GREENE

THE SHADOW VS HOANG HU

A SHADOW WARNS THE SHADOW !!!
B-13
BUT THE HATCHET MAN BOUNCES BACK LIKE A RUBBER BALL---
Ledger Syndicate
AND CATCHES THE SHADOW RIGHT AT THE WINDOW ---
A LEDGE, ONE FLOOR BELOW--
B-14 Ledger Syndicate

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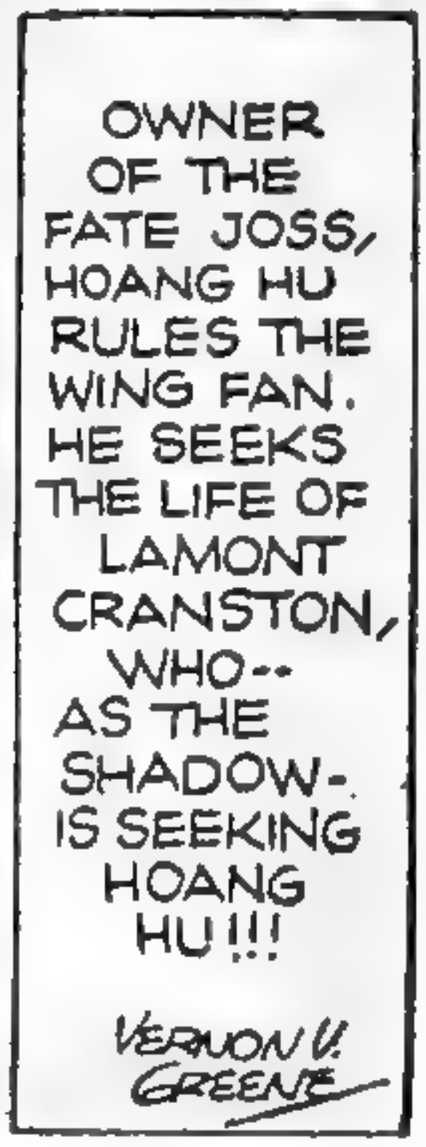
YING KO --THE SHADOW! NO, NO ME DO NOTHING ME GOOD SINCE LEAVE PLENI-TENTIARY!
ALL RIGHT, LEE SING. TELL ALL YOU KNOW ABOUT HOANG HU.


OWNER OF THE FATE JOSS, HOANG HU RULES THE WING FAN. HE SEEKS THE LIFE OF LAMONT CRANSTON, WHO-- AS THE SHADOW- IS SEEKING HOANG HU!!!
VERNON U. GREENE

THE SHADOW VS HOANG HU

MEANWHILE, DEEP UNDERGROUND IN FRISCO'S CHINATOWN····
HOANG HU· MASTER
ENTER.
YOCK HAGU, THE HATCHET MAN IS DEAD. HE MET YING KO, THE SHADOW.
SO THE SHADOW IS PROTECTING CRANSTON! BOTH ARE FOOLS
I SHALL HAVE BOTH THEIR LIVES, ALONG WITH VENBY'S TREASURE WHICH THE WING FAN NEEDS
THIS MEETING IS ENDED MING DWAN WILL LEAVE FIRST, THROUGH THE TEA SHOP
I HEAR HOANG FU.
B-16
ONE MEMBER OF THE WING FAN!
TEA SHOP
MEELAN LEE

LOOK--YING KO!
MEBBE HIM FOLLOW MING DWAN!
WATCHEE, WHILE ME GO TELL HOANG HU!
MEIAN LEE
GONE!
8-17
VERNON H. GREENE
NO OUTLET.
VOICES IN THE SHOP--
Ledger Syndicate
YING KO!
THE WING FAN IN FULL FORCE!
THIS WILL HOLD THEM FOR A FEW MINUTES!
SLAM
CLICK
8-18
VERNON GREENE
YING KO - HE'S TRAPPED IN THERE, HOANG HU!
CHOP ME A HOLE, YAT TUNG, AND I SHALL GIVE THIS TO YING KO, THE SHADOW!

THE SHADOW VS HOANG HU

IN SAN FRANCISCO TRAILING THE CHINESE GIRL, MING DWAN, THE SHADOW IS TRAPPED IN THE BACK ROOM OF A CHINATOWN SHOP, BY HOANG HU, KEEPER OF THE FATE JOSS AND DREAD LEADER OF THE NOTORIOUS WING FAN!!!
SOLID WALLS, SOLID FLOOR, NO CHANCE FOR OUTLET, EXCEPT THIS.
AN ELEVATOR! - ROUTE THE GIRL USED - A FEW SHOTS FIRST -
8-19
DANGER, HOANG HU!
BACK, EVERYONE! THIS WILL SETTLE YING KO!
THIS CONTROL CORD DOES IT!
YING KO IS GONE!
HE WILL NOT ESCAPE NEXT TIME. THE FATE JOSS HAS DECREED DEATH TO YING KO, THE SHADOW
TROUBLE IN CHINATOWN LAST NIGHT, CRANSTON. PERHAPS HOANG HU REALLY SEEKS MY TREASURES
ALL THE MORE REASON FOR ME TO BUY THEM -
--AND THUS RELIEVE YOU FROM DANGER, VENBY
BUT THE TREASURES ARE SAFE WITH VENBY. IF HOANG HU LEARNS THAT YOU ARE BUYING THEM, CRANSTON.
8-20

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IN THE OUTER OFFICE ··
HE WILL LEARN, LUDER I INTEND TO VISIT CHINATOWN AND MEET HOANG HU TONIGHT
COME TO MY HOUSE FIRST AND SEE THE TREASURES··
VERY WELL, VENBY
CLICK
VERNON V. GREENE
Ledger Syndicate
RICHARD VENBY IMPORTER
LAMONT CRANSTON BECOMES THE SHADOW!
I'M LEAVING TO SEE LUDER OFF ON A TRIP YOU MAY CLOSE THE OFFICE, MYRA
WHEN I FINISH THESE, MR. VENBY
MISS RILDON
AND CRANSTON IS GOING TO CHINATOWN THIS EVENING.
B-21
LATER
THE HOME OF RICHARD VENBY ON NOB8 HILL
YOU SEE, THE TREASURES ARE SAFE, CRANSTON EVEN FROM HOANG HU.
I STILL WANT ALL THESE. YOU WILL HEAR FROM ME.
VERNON V. GREENE

THE SHADOW VS HOANG HU

WHILE THE SHADOW IS LEAVING VENBY'S-MYRA RELDON RUSHES TO HER APARTMENT---
ONLY HALF AN HOUR--
--I MUST HURRY!
B-22
Ledger Syndicate
AND MING DWAN HURRIES ON TO HER MEETING WITH HOANG HU
IN CHINATOWN, THE SHADOW KEEPS WATCH NEAR LOO LOON'S TEA SHOP.
MING DWAN ON HER WAY TO SEE HOANG HU.
CHEST'S-FULL OF TEA
Ledger Syndicate
ONLY TRAYS OF TEA!
B-23

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YING KO, THE SHADOW!
DEATH TO YING KO! HOANG HU ORDERS IT!
COME, YAT TUNG! GIVE DEATH TO YING KO!
VERNON V. GREENE
NOT YET, YAT TUNG! LET HOANG HU GIVE DEATH TO YING KO!
8-24
HOANG HU WILL CHOOSE A BITTER DEATH FOR YOU, YING KO!
AT LAST, YING KO, YOU HAVE FOUND HOANG HU AND THE FATE JOSS.
VERNON V GREENE
Ledger Syndicate
WHEN THE LAST GRAIN DROPS, SO WILL THE BLADE, A BLADE SHARP ENOUGH FOR A SHADOW!

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